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SUBJ: TURKEY TO RETURN TWO GREEK ARMY DEFECTORS

1. TURKEY HAS DECIDED TO RETURN TWO GREEK ARMY DEFECTORS TO GREECE AS A "UNILATERAL GESTURE OF GOOD WILL." ACCORDING TO TURKISH PRESS ACCOUNTS, THE TWO ARMY PRIVATES (TEODOR YANULIS AND KONSTANTIONOS MAVROVUNIYOTIS) SLIPPED OUT OF THEIR ARTILLARY UNIT ON SAMOS ISLAND AUGUST 16 OR 17, STOLE A RUBBER BOAT, AND MADE THEIR WAY TO THE TURKISH COAST IN THE VICINITY OF KUSADASI. THEY REPORTEDLY COMPLAINED OF GREEK ARMY MALTREATMENT AND REQUESTED ASYLUM IN TURKEY. THE PRESS HERE HAS NOT PLAYED THIS AS A MAJOR STORY, BUT AN ACCOUNT ON AN INNER PAGE OF SENSATIONALIST HURRIYET AUGUST 19 SAYS THE DEFECTORS
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WERE REPORTING THAT AN "ARMAMENTS RACE" WAS UNDERWAY IN THE DODECANESE AND THAT GREEK FORCES THERE WERE MAINTAINED ON A CONSTANT WAR FOOTING.

2. INAL BATU, MFA DIRECTOR OF CYPRUS-GREECE DEPARTMENT, TOLD EMBOFF AUGUST 21 THAT GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD REQUESTED RETURN OF TWO DEFECTORS. MFA HAD DECIDED NOT TO LOOK

VERY CLOSELY AT THE LEGALITIES OF THE MATTER AND FOR
POLITICAL REASONS WOULD SIMPLY RETURN THE DEFECTORS TO
GREEK CUSTODY. BATU SAID HE WAS INFORMING THE GREEK
AMBASSADOR OF THIS DECISION EVENING OF AUGUST 21.
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